

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

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**NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: BIODIVERSITY ACT, 2004
(ACT NO. 10 OF 2004)**

DRAFT NORMS AND STANDARDS RELATING TO THE MANAGEMENT OF SEABIRDS IN CAPTIVITY

I, Barbara Dallas Creecy, Minister of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries, hereby invite members of the public to comment on the draft Norms and Standards relating to the management of Seabirds in Captivity in terms of the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act, 2004 (Act No. 10 of 2004). Copies of the draft Norms and Standards can be downloaded from the Department's website at www.environment.gov.za or can be obtained electronically upon request by email to marinespecies@environment.gov.za.

The aim of the draft Norms and Standards is to ensure that seabirds receive the best quality of care through all the stages of rehabilitation and in permanent captivity. They also aim to set indicators that all facilities need to adhere to in order to safeguard the care of ill, injured or orphaned seabirds to meet acceptable standards that will aid in their conservation.

Members of the public are invited to submit written representations on, or objections to, the draft Norms and Standards within 30 (thirty) days after the publication of this notice in the *Gazette*. Written representations or objections received after this time may not be considered. All representations and comments must be submitted in writing to the Deputy Director-General of the Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries, Branch: Oceans and Coasts:

By hand: The Deputy Director-General

Attention: Ms M M Makoala

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